

which, he declared, was to the best interests of the entire city.

"I have put my word down," said he, "and will consent to the action of the majority. I have no plan, if necessary, to prevent this injustice to the youngest and most rapidly-developing ward of the city."

Mr. Cary offered the following plan:

Clay Ward, \$15,000; Jefferson Ward, \$15,000; Henry Ward, \$10,000; Lee Ward, \$10,000; Madison Ward, \$12,000; Marshall Ward, \$12,000; Monroe Ward, \$10,000; repairs, \$10,000; total, \$100,000.

Best Business Ward.

Mr. Pollock, in defending the plan, said that he knew nothing of a combination, but that this ward was entitled to the same share, and had demands for three times that amount. He directed attention to petitions from the Retail Merchants' Association for paving the side streets leading into Broad, from Ninth to Adams, in order to allay the dust, and urged this as a reason for giving Madison Ward a larger share. This was the best business ward of the city, he said.

Mr. Garber stated that the West End had been getting the lion's share for years, and that a few years ago two wards were added to the plan, but that quarter in order that it might get a double portion. He admitted with some pride in the achievement that Fulton was pretty well taken care of.

Mr. Burton spoke in an impassioned strain in behalf of greater consideration for Henry and Lee Wards. "I say it is wrong," he said, "a combination of the ward and the share of appropriations," he declared with earnest emphasis.

Mr. Mann asked, "Didn't you recently go into a combination?" which query provoked great laughter.

Mr. Burton retorted that it was for no such purpose as this.

Mr. Lynch declared that Jefferson Ward had been paying taxes for thirty-five years, but had not paved streets save what the people themselves paid for. Lee Ward, which had existed but ten years, had gotten far more in that time than Jefferson Ward in thirty-five years.

Various members of the combination pointed out that Lee Ward had received a much larger share than any other ward in the special appropriations for the extension of Monument Avenue, and that for this reason the appropriation therefore should be reduced.

Mann Plan Adopted.

Mr. Gilman pleaded earnestly for Lee Ward, and urged the committee not to do it. The injustice proposed in the Mann plan, he offered as a substitute the following plan of division: Clay Ward, \$17,000; Jefferson Ward, \$11,000; Henry Ward, \$10,000; Lee Ward, \$15,000; Marshall Ward, \$15,000; Madison Ward, \$11,000; Monroe Ward, \$10,000; repairs, \$10,000.

Monroe Ward was between the upper and nether millstone of the West End and the East End combination, and quietly accepted the allowance accorded it.

After considerable discussion, the vote was had on the Cary substitute, and it was defeated—ayes, 4; noes, 8.

Mr. Gilman's substitute shared the same fate, and by precisely the same vote, the roll-call showing the following result in each case:

Ayes—Messrs. Burton, Cary, Gilman and Spencer—4.

Noes—Messrs. Adams, Garber, Lynch, Masurier, Pollock, Don Leavy, Mann and Bennett—8.

The Mann plan was then recommended to the Council by the same vote reversed, those recorded as voting aye above, voting no on the Mann resolution, and those voting no above voting aye on the combine plan.

Fight in Council.

The fight will be carried to the floor of the two bodies of the Council, where it promises to be a bitter and stubborn one. As it looks now, however, Marshall, Jefferson, Madison and Clay Wards, having a combined vote of twenty-one out of twenty-five in the Board, and a vote of thirty-five in the Council, Council will be able to push the plan through, unless some members from the combining wards desert the combination.

Considerable other business of minor importance was recommended to the Council at the meeting, but the distribution of the funds was the matter of overwhelming interest.

CONFERENCE ON COAL RATE ADVANCEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, had a conference this afternoon with John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers; Commissioner Wood, of the Railroad Commission of Indiana; W. B. Bryan, secretary of the Illinois Mine Workers; and two coal operators, concerning the advance of 10 per cent. in the rate on coal by the railroads of Indiana and Illinois.

The mine workers' organization protested against this advance, holding that it will certainly affect the wages of the miners.

The operators are inclined to the same view. What action may be taken in the matter by the commission has not been determined, and probably will not be for a considerable time.

More Pay for Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—These fourth-class post-offices will be advanced on April 1st next to the presidential class. The salaries of the postmaster are:

Virginia—Camden, \$1,000; Columbia, Dublin, Keyville, \$1,000 each; Pennington Gap, \$1,200.

North Carolina—Durham, \$1,100; Kitley, \$1,000; Milton, \$1,200; Randleman, \$1,000.

Rural route post-offices will be raised May 1st at \$1,000, Plymouth county, Va., serving 500 people and 10 families.

Andrew J. Barnes, assistant postmaster at Aquone, Mass. county, N. C., died at 28 Monday, resigned.

ROCK ISLAND WRECK; TWO KILLED, MANY INJURED

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 15.—Mozzore reports here of a passenger train on the Rock Island road near Haven Yard. The engineer and fireman are reported killed and several passengers injured. The injured will be brought to this city.



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TABLE SHOWING DECLINE IN MARKET VALUE OF 23 STOCKS

	Capital.	Yesterday's Market Value.
Union Pacific	\$164,000,000	\$10,462,000
Southern Railway	197,850,000	11,820,000
Amalgamated Copper	155,000,000	12,300,000
Reading	70,000,000	7,000,000
Northern Pacific	155,000,000	12,400,000
Atchafalpa	102,000,000	6,120,000
New York Central	132,000,000	9,000,000
St. Paul	50,000,000	5,500,000
United States Steel, common	508,000,000	16,240,000
United States Steel, preferred	350,000,000	14,400,000
Canadian Pacific	98,000,000	3,920,000
Baltimore and Ohio	124,000,000	4,960,000
General Electric	54,000,000	4,860,000
Great Northern	125,000,000	6,250,000
Louisville and Nashville	78,000,000	5,460,000
Missouri Pacific	304,000,000	18,240,000
Pennsylvania	45,000,000	2,250,000
American Sugar	45,000,000	3,500,000
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	51,000,000	3,270,000
Northwestern	63,000,000	2,520,000
Kansas and Texas	89,000,000	6,460,000
Norfolk and Western	98,000,000	1,920,000
Rock Island	98,000,000	1,920,000

The above table shows the principal stocks which suffered in the great \$10,000,000 smash of Thursday. There are actively dealt in on the Stock Exchange more than 300 different railroad and industrial stocks. The declines in their prices ranged from a fraction to over twenty per cent.

BROKERS CHEER UPWARD PRICES

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a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day, "that it is possible that the railroad presidents have decided that their visit to the White House would be useless. President Hughtitt, who is one of Mr. Roosevelt's personal friends, has on several occasions discussed the railroad situation with the President, and he knows that the administration has no desire to punish the 'good railroad corporations' because the 'bad railroad corporations' refuse to abide by the laws of the land."

Governor Deane and Attorney-General Stoddard, who were invited to Washington by President Roosevelt, arrived to-night and will be with the President tomorrow afternoon. While Governor Deane refuses to discuss the subject of his conference with the President, it is authoritatively stated that the Chicago and Alton deal and other disclosures brought out at the recent Harriman investigation will be discussed, and the situation in general will be gone over. Attorney-General Bonaparte and members of the Interstate Commerce Commission will participate in the conference.

SCHIFF DECLARES PANIC GOOD THING

AUGUSTA, GA., March 15.—Jacob Schiff, of New York, who is stopping near Alken, S. C., declared to-day that he could see no reason why the Wall Street panic should spread to the general business conditions of the country. "The panic and the crash of the stock market," he explained, "may have strong hopes that much good will result from the present situation."

In reference to the present railroad situation, he said: "The railroads and the people will be brought nearer together. The welfare of one is indissolubly connected with the success of the other. President Roosevelt did not bring about the middle; he simply recognized a fact that most others whether we were drifting by. By the time course he has taken he has rendered a great service to the people and to the corporations themselves. The lesson will be valuable to corporation managers in the future."

New Orleans Brokers Fail.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 15.—The suspension of Wither, Zernum & Co., a stock brokerage firm, was announced to-day. Recent deals of clients on the wrong side of the market, and the failure of these clients to cover margins, is assigned as the cause. No statement of liabilities and assets was made public.

WAR DEPT. ASKS STATES' ASSISTANCE

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Letters have been sent by Assistant Secretary Oliver, of the War Department, to the Governors of all seaboard States asking their co-operation in the development of the War Department's plan for the training of an effective coast guard through the operation of the organized militia in connection with the regulars assigned to coast artillery service.

The letters were accompanied by circulars prepared by the chief of artillery setting forth his scheme to set aside a portion of the State troops in all the coast States for artillery service. The State troops to have one year from seven to ten days' training at an artillery post under the direction of the regulars. The chief of artillery also suggests designation of certain State troops to have one year from seven to ten days' training at an artillery post, which plan entails no additional expenses on the States.

HOLD FUGITIVE FOR FLORIDA OFFICIALS

A telegram has been received by the police department asking that Joseph Lee, alias Joseph Easter, be held here until the arrival of an officer from Tampa.

The negro was arrested some days ago as a suspicious character, and afterward was found to be a fugitive from a charge of robbery. He will be held, as he has a term of ninety days to serve in the Richmond jail.

FORESEE GREAT SUCCESS OF FAIR

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investment, unexpectedly to many and under most adverse conditions and abnormal expenses, a net profit of about \$7,000 was the result. Mr. Stuart stated that in placing the fair he had never recommended it as a dividend-payer, and, in fact, never held out inducements to the purchase of any stock. Apropos of the panic in railroad and industrial stocks, the speaker suggested that many citizens would be better off had they invested in the stock of this fair instead of in any other stocks.

Continuing, Mr. Stuart expressed the confident belief that the Jamestown Exposition instead of militating against the success of the State Fair, would operate to enhance interest in it, to increase attendance and enlarge exhibits and participation. He admitted having had the blues for a few days, but soon recovered, and now that the first exhibition had been such a success, he had no fears whatever as to the future. The success of the fair in future was practically assured.

Financial Exhibit.

Secretary Chambers then read his financial report, which showed the following:

Treasurer's Report.	
Subscriptions, balance due	\$15,733.83
On stock subscribed	\$15,733.83
Cash on hand	\$86.21
Equipment account, including buildings, grounds, supplies, etc.	77,859.89
Accounts receivable	595.20
Insurance (unexpired premium)	620.00
	\$95,610.63
Capital stock	\$75,000.00
Bills payable	5,958.64
Accounts payable	8,859.28
Surplus (unexpended premium)	\$6,845.49
Less expenses, insurance, interest, etc., paid since January 1st	1,062.68
	\$7,882.81
	\$95,610.63

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) M. A. CHAMBERS.

Secretary and Treasurer.

New General Manager.

President Stuart, for the directors, made an oral statement, in which he said that the report of the secretary and treasurer had been audited and absolutely verified by an expert accountant, and that the financial status of the association. He reported the employment of Mr. Theo. F. Coleman, of Pennsylvania, as general manager, after careful consideration of the merits of various available men. He suggested that much work had to be done on the ground. The influx of visitors in the race-track enclosure had to be graded and sodded, and paving and drainage and tiling had to be done and new buildings added, and various other details attended to.

Chairman Williams called upon General Manager Coleman to address the stockholders for five or ten minutes as to his ideas of the prospects for the fair this year, and the best methods of securing its success. Mr. Coleman responded in a talk of ten minutes, which had a ringing tone of confidence and enthusiasm about it that stirred his hearers and evoked expressions of approval in the form of applause.

The speaker stated that with fifteen or sixteen years' experience in directing fairs, and his knowledge of the resources of Virginia, he saw no reason why a great success should not be had, and the hotels and boarding houses overflowed with people. He suggested the necessity of providing both entertainment and educational features. Effort and inducement to secure exhibits in every department should be put forth, the fair should be widely advertised, the very best possible race card be provided by the offer of liberal inducements, and that a free vaudeville performance in front of the grandstand be given. He expressed confidence that with proper effort a dividend of more than ten per cent. would be practically assured.

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even making allowance for two days of rain. The speaker's enthusiasm proved infectious and roused the stockholders.

Directors Chosen.

The chairman named Messrs. Henry Landolt, Cabell, A. H. Thierman, M. L. Hoffmeyer, John Landstreet and John C. Freeman in a committee to recommend a board of fifteen directors.

The committee retired, but soon reappeared and reported the following directors, the first three to serve for one year, the second for two, the third for three, the fourth for four and the fifth three for five years:

J. T. Anderson, J. S. Bryan and Samuel Cohen, one year; M. A. Chambers, J. G. Conley and C. E. Doyle, two years; L. B. Houlder, Jr., L. O. Miller and John M. Miller, Jr., three years; L. R. Page, M. C. Patterson and B. B. Snyder, four years, and O. J. Gamble, H. C. Stuart and A. B. Williams, five years.

While this committee was out Mr. John Stewart Bryan, in response to calls, spoke, briefly, and incidentally accorded praise to Messrs. J. T. Anderson, C. Miller, Leigh R. Page and others for their work in behalf of the fair. He especially commended the zealous and faithful work of President Stuart, and moved a rising vote of thanks to him, which was accorded with unanimity. The action ordered recorded on 14 minutes.

Various suggestions were made, among them one by Mr. John C. Freeman, which he afterwards explained in detail. The secretary was to the Board of Trade of Dallas and ascertain the details of the plan by means of which that city had secured the patronage and interest of such a large number of Texas farmers. Mr. Freeman made earnest appeal for co-operation to enlist the interest and inspire the confidence of farmers in this enterprise and in the city. He spoke earnestly and at some length of what had been accomplished by Dallas, Mr. John Stewart Bryan and others spoke along the same line.

Old Officers Re-Elected.

Mr. J. O. Bellwood, of Chesterfield, spoke of the importance of the farming interests and of the paramount importance of stimulating these in the fair. In the premiums offered, and in every way, he promised that stimulation of scientific farming and the raising of live stock of a high order would greatly enhance the value of Virginia lands and promote the general prosperity. In his own case, he had come to Virginia seeking health, but not impeded with the opportunities offered here; but had bought a farm, 100 or 200 years ago at \$20 an acre, for which he would now seem an offer of \$100. The enhanced value had been brought about by the development of agriculture and the enhancement of values thereby.

Mr. Bellwood was commended for his encouraging address, and on motion, the board of directors was requested to make him an honorary vice-president for Chesterfield, in making up the list of such vice-presidents for the various counties of the State. This plan of stimulating the interest in the fair by the State had been previously adopted.

The stockholders' meeting adjourned at 10:35, and the newly chosen directors met and elected officers for the ensuing year. The old officers were re-elected.

Among those present at the stockholders' meeting were Messrs. J. T. Anderson, John Landstreet, A. B. Williams, M. L. Hoffmeyer, Leigh R. Page, Cabell, John C. Freeman, John Stewart Bryan, Leigh R. Page, J. G. Conley, Samuel Cohen, Joseph Wallerstein, Samuel T. Atkinson, E. B. Hicks, W. T. DuBois, Henry C. Stuart, M. L. Miller, A. F. Thierman, L. O. Miller, E. B. Snyder, Clyde Ratcliffe, J. O. Bellwood, George Governor, William Ellis Jones, J. J. Steinbrecher, M. C. Patterson, T. W. Snyder, and others.

WORKMAN SAVES THE LIFE OF HIS FRIEND

Frank Reams, an employee of the Richmond Cedar Works, saved the life of a fellow-workman Thursday afternoon while the two were at their duties. John Vaughan was caught in a belt and dragged some 50 feet. His companion saw his predicament and rushed to the rescue. He turned the switch and threw the belt off, thereby saving the man's life. Vaughan was carried to his home in Fulton, where he was attended by Dr. Nelson, who pronounced his injuries not dangerous. He will probably be able to return to work in a few days.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia—Fair and warmer Saturday; Sunday, fair, with showers, shifting to south winds; fresh west, shifting to south winds.

North Carolina—Fair and warmer Saturday and Sunday; light to fresh east winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond: The thermometer was warm and clear. Range of the thermometer: 59 to 64. A. M. 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64. P. M. 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64. Average, 61.

Highest temperature yesterday, 64. Lowest temperature yesterday, 59. Mean temperature yesterday, 61. Normal temperature yesterday, 61. Departure from normal temperature, 0.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 4 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. Weather.

Ashville, N. C., 62, 63, Clear.

Augusta, Ga., 62, 63, Clear.

Atlanta, Ga., 62, 63, Clear.

Chicago, Ill., 62, 63, Clear.

Cincinnati, O., 62, 63, Clear.

Davenport, Ia., 62, 63, Clear.

Detroit, Mich., 62, 63, Clear.

Galveston, Tex., 62, 63, Clear.

Hartford, Conn., 62, 63, Clear.

Jacksonville, Fla., 62, 63, Clear.

Kansas City, Mo., 62, 63, Clear.

New Orleans, La., 62, 63, Clear.

Raleigh, N. C., 62, 63, Clear.

Savannah, Ga., 62, 63, Clear.

Norfolk, Va., 62, 63, Clear.

Tampa, Fla., 62, 63, Clear.

Washington, D. C., 62, 63, Clear.

Wilmington, Del., 62, 63, Clear.

Yellowstone, Wyo., 62, 63, Clear.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. March 16, 1907.

Sun rises, 6:21. High tide, 6:16.

Sun sets, 6:17. Morning, 6:16.

Moon sets, 8:24. Evening, 6:10.

\$10,000,000 LOSS IN PITTSBURG

Flood Recedes and Manufacturing Plants Will Resume Work To-Morrow.

CINCINNATI IN THE THROES

Sixty Feet of Water Expected. Fearful Loss at Parkersburg and Marietta.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 15.—With the rapid receding of the waters in the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio Rivers which is taking place here to-night, conditions are fast assuming normal proportions, and the greatest and most destructive flood in the history of the city is at an end. At nightfall the approaches to the bridges were clear of water, and several hours later street car service in the flood district was resumed.

Thousands of suburbanites who have been stranded in this city since early yesterday were able to reach their homes, while the downtown section, which has been crowded with sightseers since the sudden rise of water, is almost deserted.

The only apparent indications of the flood in the downtown section to-night are the water marks on the sidewalks through which water is being pumped from submerged basements. In several districts power plants have been repaired and candles, used by the residents, have been replaced with electricity.

Great Property Loss.

At 9 o'clock to-night the rivers had fallen almost eight feet. At that hour the gauge was twenty-nine feet and dropping a half-foot an hour.

Immediately following the subsiding of the water the work of repairing the damage was begun. A majority of the employees of the manufacturing establishments who were temporarily thrown out of employment by the flood, are now at work in the plants in working order, and it is said that by Sunday at latest all these establishments will resume operations. Various estimates of the loss are being made, ranging from ten to twenty millions of dollars. It is said, nevertheless, that the total loss will not exceed \$10,000,000.

The probability to-night are that the electric light plant, at Edison, Ga., thirty miles from Pittsburgh, will be open to the public to-morrow. A large force of men are repairing the electric plants damaged by the water in the basements of the playhouse.

Ohio in Flood.

CINCINNATI, O., March 15.—Flood conditions in Southern Ohio to-day show little change, and that little was for the worse.

Forecaster Bassler predicts a sixty-foot gauge in the Ohio at Cincinnati by Saturday night. Of the many flooded towns in this region, Parkersburg, W. Va., and Marietta, O., seem to be the greatest sufferers. At Parkersburg the electric light plant was put out of commission, and the city is in darkness. Added to this there was only a limited telephone and telegraph service, and the city was almost cut off from the outside world.

The loss at Marietta will be enormous. Water has flooded the main street. Many residences have been flooded and the inhabitants forced to vacate. There is considerable suffering, as only a few scattering grocers in the hills are able to supply food. The courthouse, the city buildings and the city lighting plant are under water.

The city was in darkness to-night. Much damage has also been done in the flooded area, and there is considerable suffering in the surrounding country. Two men were drowned to-day.

Fifty Feet at Wheeling.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 15.—The crest of the flood passed this city at 9 A. M. The water reached a stage of almost fifty feet, and then began to recede at the rate of one inch an hour.

The city and surrounding towns on both sides of the river are completely cut off from the world by rail and river. Every foot of Wheeling Island is submerged, and 7,000 residents have been driven to upper floors.

It is estimated that the thousand homes are flooded, affecting 25,000 people.

The property loss will reach half a million dollars. One fatality is reported—that of a Wheeling Island resident, who is missing, and was last seen in a skiff last midnight.

Nicaragua Declares Honduras Dependent

Nicaraguan Army Has Utterly Routed the Army of the Enemy.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, March 15.—The government has published a decree recognizing the provisional government of Honduras, and declaring its members to be allies of Nicaragua. The last battle fought between the Nicaraguans and Hondurans was so decisively in favor of the former that it is believed it will result in bringing the war to an end. General Melero Merino and other Honduran officers were killed.

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Panic Figures of 1901 and 1907

	March 14, 1907.	May 9, 1901.
Union Pacific	124 1/2	20 1/2
Hendling	93	37 1/2
Delaware and Hudson	107 1/2	19 1/2
American Smelting	113	18 1/2
Amalgamated	81	17 1/2
St. Paul	25 1/2	13 1/2
Ancon	53	11 1/2
Great Northern	137	10 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	47	8 1/2
Norfolk and Western	71 1/2	7 1/2
Consolidated Gas	115	7 1/2
Chicago and Northwestern	143	0 1/2
New York Central	115 1/2	0 1/2
Southern Pacific	70 1/2	0 1/2
Atchafalpa	85	5 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	112	5 1/2
American Sugar	115 1/2	4 1/2
Delaware and Ohio	99 1/2	4 1/2
Canadian Pacific	107 1/2	4 1/2
United States Steel, pfd.	95 1/2	4 1/2
United States Steel, com.	34	3 1/2
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	33 1/2	3 1/2
Eric	27 1/2	1 1/2

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